

NEWS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Unable to Extend Help.

Captain Shoemaker, chief of the Revenue Cutter Service, yesterday received a cablegram from the revenue cutter Seminole, informing him that it is impossible to reach the American fishing schooners which are frozen in the ice on the Newfoundland coast, and for the relief of which the Seminole was ordered to those waters from Boston. The Seminole is unable to aid the vessels on account of the thick jam of ice. They are, however, in no danger, and the Seminole has been ordered to return to Boston.

Return of Inspector Dumont.

James A. Dumont, supervising inspector general of the Steamboat Inspection Service, returned today to Washington from New York city, where he has been on official business.

Report From Porto Rican Bank.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely yesterday received the first report from a Porto Rican national bank. It was from the First National Bank, which was established about two months ago, and has now sent in a report in response to the call asking for a statement of the conditions at the close of business February 6. At present there are no national banks established in the Philippine Islands.

For the Consensus Fund.

Treasurer Roberts yesterday received from Baltimore an unknown source, \$20, dedicated to the Consensus Fund.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Gold coin and bullion to the amount of \$829,419,366.27 is deposited in the United States Treasury. The total Treasury receipts for January 17 were \$1,340,482.63, of which \$1,014,912.76 were customs; \$232,570.34 internal revenue; \$93,000.53 miscellaneous receipts. The Treasury expenditures were \$1,715,000, of which \$110,000 were civil and miscellaneous expenses; \$500,000, war; \$470,000, Navy; \$35,000, Indian, and \$600,000 pensions. The excess of expenditures over receipts was \$374,516.37.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Back at His Desk.

W. Scott Smith, private secretary to Secretary Hitchcock, yesterday returned to his office after an absence of two weeks. He has been to Atlantic City on account of the ill health of Mrs. Hitchcock.

The Inventive Farmer.

Last week over 1,100 applications for patents were filed at the Patent Office. "This is the season," said Chief Clerk Ireland, "when the work of the Patent Office is heaviest. The farmers have nothing to do but sit around and think, the work on a farm being practically at a standstill when the ground is covered with snow, and we get the result of so much thinking in the shape of every imaginable kind of labor-saving device. A very large majority of the applications for patents always come from the country districts, and now the average is about three in every four."

Geological Survey.

J. H. Renshaw, topographer in charge of the central section, left Washington last night for Chicago. His purpose is to examine the region in the vicinity of Chicago and several other parts of Illinois in order to make plans for the field work of the coming season.

Mr. Goode's Return Expected.

R. U. Goode, topographer in charge of the Pacific section, is expected to return to this city the latter part of the month.

NOTES OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

A communication from Lieutenant Commander Minetti, in charge of the naval station on the island of Tutuila, to the Navy Department, tells of the presentation of the President's greetings to the chiefs and people of Tutuila and Aunus, on January 16. The native addresses in response are cordial and patriotic. The lieutenant commander says that the most cordial relations exist between the American and German governments in Samoa, and officials of the two powers are working in harmony. Governor Solf, of German Samoa, was entertained aboard the Wheeling.

The collier Lebanon has lightened her cargo of coal at Norfolk, and has started in search of the collier Alexander, which was disabled a few hundred miles north of Porto Rico by the breaking of her propeller shaft on February 10, and has since been drifting helplessly. Mate Thomas Adamson, of the Alexander, is a passenger on the Lebanon, and will direct her movements. There are forty men on the disabled ship, but they are well supplied with provisions and water.

Lieutenant Commander W. R. A. Rooney, who was ordered before a court-martial for stranding the United States steamer Frolic in Philippine waters, has now been ordered before an examining board on account of his physical condition. The former proceedings are suspended.

G. S. Ownby, Tennessee; D. B. Stafford, Louisiana; N. H. White, Tennessee; G. Hobbs, Rhode Island, and Lennox Grant, Missouri, midshipmen at the Naval Academy, have resigned.

The dispatch boat Dolphin has proceeded to Norfolk from the Washington Navy Yard for repairs, preparatory to making a cruise in the West Indies with Secretary Moody.

The Navy Department will send Capt. Fernel H. Harrington, now stationed at New York, to Bremerton, Wash. He will become a rear admiral in August.

work. He has been in California and Arizona the last three weeks on a tour of inspection.

Examination for Positions.

An examination for positions in the topographic division of the Geological Survey will be held by the Civil Service Commission on April 21 in all the large cities of the United States. The work in this division is constantly increasing, and there is need of a larger force. The salary attached to the positions offered in the examination ranges from \$720 to \$1,200 a year. During the last few years promotion in the topographic division has been rapid, the increase in salary ranging from \$100 to \$200 a year.

For Temporary Appointment.

Director Walcott has issued a call for men who wish temporary employment in field work from early spring until the fall. Applicant should have had experience in field survey work, including especially the use of level and transit. The salary attached to these temporary appointments ranges from \$50 to \$75 a month.

Mr. Pressey's Pamphlet.

Henry Albert Pressey is the author of water supply and irrigation paper No. 76, which has recently been received at the office of the Geological Survey from the hands of the printer. His subject is "Observations on the flow of rivers in the vicinity of New York city."

Herdman Cleland's Bulletin.

Bulletin No. 206 has been published by the Geological Survey, and contains "A study of the fauna of the Hamilton

formation of the Cayuga Lake section in central New York," by Herdman Fitzgerald Cleland.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Shallenberger's Return.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger returned to Washington this morning from his home in Pennsylvania, where he has been for a short rest.

Postmasters Appointed.

Maryland postmasters have been appointed as follows: S. B. Metcalf, Hicksville, Washington county; Isaac W. Thompson, Kearney, Garrett county; Hilbert B. Horney, Willoughby, Queen Anne county.

Several harsh criticisms of the postal cards now in use have been made to the Third Assistant Postmaster General recently, some of them anonymous. The general attack is upon the quality of the cardboard used, the appearance of the card, which, it is claimed, is so plain that it is ugly. A comparison is made between the postal cards of Canada and the United States. The Postoffice authorities call attention to the fact that the Postoffice Department must by law give the contract for making the postal cards to the lowest bidder, and that, while not exactly beautiful, the cards are serviceable. The present contract price for cards is 21.75 cents per thousand. The authorities add that should they pay a larger price for cards there would be just as many persons to attack the high price as there are now to find fault with the lower figures.

ARMY QUARTERMASTERS ARE TESTING NEW SHOE

Will Endeavor Also to Reduce Marching Equipment for Infantry.

The army quartermasters have adopted a new field shoe, which has met the approval of the President, to whom a pair was recently sent for trial. It is a very heavy shoe, the thick sole and heel of which bear hobnails. The leather is of tan color, and the upper comes well up on the leg. The shoe is patterned after the British army shoe, with the improvement that, while as durable and as impervious to water, it is much lighter in weight. Army officers in the Philippines have been complaining that the service shoe was not fit for use in the islands, where it was subjected to severe usage and where the conditions destroy a shoe of ordinary leather and make.

General Leonard Wood has been wearing a pair of the shoes in his tramping expeditions, and it is largely on his report of their durability and comfort that the shoe has now been adopted.

Another subject which is engaging the attention of the War Department is that of lessening the burden carried by the soldier on the march. This has been a problem to which military reports periodically call attention without much prospect so far of solving the question. Every year sees something added to the soldier's equipment, until the surgeons have now protested that the infantryman, who is subject to long marches, should not be further inconvenienced by additions to his personal equipment. As a hope of affording some relief to this serious situation, the army ordinance office sent out a thousand cups and meat cans made of aluminum. They are distributed to infantry companies, with instructions to the officers to give the articles a thorough and practical trial.

SOUTHERN STATES ARE AFTER IMMIGRATION

Land Agents of Trunk Lines Meeting for Consultation.

A meeting of land and industrial agents, representing every railroad traversing the South convened at Atlanta yesterday for the purpose of devising ways and means to encourage Southern immigration. Washington sent a representative in the person of M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway. He will look after the District of Columbia and Virginia at the convention, which will continue until tomorrow.

Among those present are the following well-known railroad men: Third Vice President J. E. Ingraham, Florida East Coast Railway, St. Augustine, Fla.; Land and Industrial Agent M. V. Richards, Southern Railway, Washington, D. C.; Land Commissioner F. Y. Anderson, Alabama Great Southern, Birmingham, Ala.; Immigration Agent W. W. Jones, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, Port Huron, Mich.; Land and Industrial Agent R. L. Pritchard, Central of Georgia, Savannah; General Immigration Agent S. A. Hughes, Frisco system, St. Louis, Mo.; Commissioner of Immigration W. L. Glessner, Georgia Southern and Florida, Macon; Industrial Commissioner George C. Power, Illinois Central, Chicago; Assistant General Passenger Agent J. F. Merry, Illinois Central, Dubuque, Iowa; General Immigration and Industrial Agent G. A. Park, Louisville and Nashville, Louisville; Industrial Agent for Tennessee Robert Gates, Louisville and Nashville, Nashville, Tenn.; Assistant Industrial and Immigration Agent J. W. Lambert, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, Nashville, Tenn.; Immigration Agent Paul Scherer, Norfolk and Western, Roanoke, Va.; Industrial Agent J. W. White, Seaboard Air Line, Portsmouth, Va.; Industrial and Agricultural Agent Wilbur McCoy, Atlantic Coast Line, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Industrial Commissioner M. Schuler, Frisco system, St. Louis.

CORNELLUS VANDERBILT

HOME FROM THE SOUTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Cornellus Vanderbilt returned last night from his short trip South, feeling much better than he did when on January 21 last, after a severe attack of typhoid fever, he left for a milder climate.

He was accompanied throughout the whole trip by Mrs. Vanderbilt. They spent most of their time South at the villa of August Belmont, near Garnett, S. C. The Vanderbilts have gone to live at R. T. Wilson's.

Mr. Vanderbilt said that although he felt much stronger, he was not prepared to say when he would start on his contemplated yacht cruise in the Mediterranean.

RUNAWAY TEAM KILLED, MEN SAVED BY SNOWBANK

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Two horses, attached to a sleigh in which three young men were seated, were being driven through Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, last night, when they became unmanageable. They upset the sleigh, throwing out the occupants, and then crashed into an Ocean Avenue trolley car, of the Ocean Avenue line.

The horses were instantly killed, and the sleigh demolished. The three men landed in deep snow and escaped injury.

THE AURORA BOREALIS.

The aurora borealis is imitated on a small scale by Prof. W. Ramsay, whose experiment has been exhibited to the London Royal Society. A powerful electro magnet, placed vertically, has pole pieces extending horizontally from both the upper and the lower ends, and between these pole pieces is an exhausted glass globe containing in its upper part a metallic ring. A powerful alternating current passed through this ring produces an aurular glow discharge. On passing a current through the coils of the magnet the glow discharge is deflected downward, producing streamers closely resembling those of the sky, and highly rarefied air in the globe gave the lines of krypton that appear in the spectrum of the aurora.—The American Inventor.

GOVERNMENT QUIRY IN LYNN SHOE STRIKE

Employers Said to Have Imported Alien Cutters.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 18.—Another step was taken yesterday by the United States Government, in the matter of prosecuting the persons who are alleged to have brought alien cutters from Canada to work in the shoe factory of George Nicholson & Co., which is one of the union stamp factories where the Knights of Labor went on a strike against the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, January 16. The case was taken up by the Treasury Department and United States Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent is engaged in gathering evidence in the case, with a view of prosecuting, if the evidence warrants it.

The first evidence was furnished to Immigration Commissioner Phillips, at Boston, by members of the Cutters' Assembly of the Knights of Labor, this city, who have followed up the case from the beginning. The Government has thought the case of such importance that today Commissioner General Sargent was sent to Boston to conduct a further investigation.

MRS. SCHOFF'S LECTURE.

Mrs. Frederick Schoff, president of the National Woman's Congress, will lecture tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B Streets southeast. The address will be on topics of interest to women. Mrs. T. W. Birney, former president of the Congress, will be present.

DEVELOPING COAL BEDS ON WEST VIRGINIA ROADS

More Than \$10,000,000 Expended in the Work.

The immense coal properties of West Virginia are beginning to attract the widest interest because of the unprecedented preparations made by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western Railroad companies to handle the output of the mines. Unlike the anthracite fields of the world, which are being rapidly exhausted, the bituminous beds of West Virginia are said to be practically inexhaustible.

Over \$10,000,000 is now expended in the development of the properties in the Cabin Creek and Coal River districts of the Kanawha fields.

It is expected by the early fall these properties will have been sufficiently developed to reach a production of 375,000 tons of bituminous coal a day, or over 4,500,000 tons a year. While the developments in other section of the West Virginia fields are not so great it is conservatively estimated the output of the West Virginia mines will be doubled within the next three years.

The railroads are not only placing orders for large numbers of locomotives and cars in preparation for this movement of fuel, but are rapidly extending their sidings and doubling the tracks along the entire lines of the road. At Clifton Forge, the division point on the Chesapeake and Ohio, where the principal shops of the line are located, over fifty-five miles of sidings are now in position, and these are constantly added to. At the prevailing rate of tide water of \$1.35 a ton, the gross increased earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio, on this output of the Cabin Creek district will be \$6,075,000. Extensive developments are also in progress along the line of the Norfolk and Western.

HYATTSVILLE NOTES.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Feb. 18.—Capt. A. W. Stokes, of Indianapolis, father of J. V. Stokes of Hyattsville, died Monday afternoon in Birmingham, Ala. His remains will reach Washington this afternoon, and the interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown. Captain Stokes spent last summer with his son here, and made many friends. In November he went to Birmingham to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones. For many years he was a prominent business man of Selma, Ala. His age was seventy years.

PENNSYLVANIA FORESTRY

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 18.—The forestry commission has decided that all propositions coming for the first time before the commission for the sale of lands to the State, for forestry purposes, be postponed for the present, in view of the pending legislation which may limit the power of the commission to purchase forestry lands.

W. B. Severe, of Riverdale, superintendent of the Government Mail Bag Repair Shop, has gone to Philadelphia to attend the wedding of Miss Mary R. Dougherty and Martin McDonough, to be solemnized today at St. Francis Church.

FIRE AT FROSTBURG.

There was a fire at the residence of Dr. J. C. Cobey, at Frostburg, yesterday. The house is quarantined on account of smallpox, and for a time the firemen hesitated to enter, but finally got in through the cellar and extinguished the fire.

EASTERN SHORE.

Ministers Want to Change. Rev. J. M. Sheridan, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, of Pocomoke City, will ask the annual conference, which will be held here in April, to move him to another field of labor.

SOUTHERN CONVOCATION.

Last evening the clergy of the Southern convocation of the Eastern diocese assembled at St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, and will be in session today and tomorrow.

CORN INSTITUTE.

The special corn institute and corn exhibition in Easton yesterday and today was a great success. Each session brought forth good audiences, in spite of the worst weather of the winter. Mr. Shamel's lectures on corn will start a corn growers' association in Talbot county.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

MARYLAND NOTES.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

A Freight Wreck.

A freight wreck took place on the Baltimore and Ohio Road at Leslie, in Cecil county, yesterday, in which several cars were scattered across both tracks. No one was injured.

Funeral of Lindsey Barrett.

The funeral of little Lindsey Barrett, who was accidentally shot and killed by a playmate, William Forsyth, on Friday afternoon, took place yesterday. Interment was made at Hopewell Cemetery, Cecil county.

Funeral of John F. Bruce.

John F. Bruce, of Pensacola, Fla., who died near La Plata on Sunday, was buried yesterday afternoon in Mount Rest Cemetery, near La Plata.

Dr. Carroll at Havre De Grace.

The Rev. H. K. Carroll, LL. D., of New York, President McKinley's commissioner to study problems in Porto Rico, preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Havre de Grace, on Sunday.

Deaths in Howard County.

George A. Howard, of Dayton, died suddenly on Sunday, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Howard was in Elliott city a few days ago in good health. His widow and seven children—six sons and one daughter—survive.

Mrs. Kramer, wife of J. Henry Kramer, for many years a merchant in Elliott City, died suddenly yesterday from pneumonia.

Sudden Death of O. H. Smith.

Oliver H. Smith, of Belair, died suddenly yesterday morning. About 11 a. m. his labored breathing attracted his wife, who on going to his bedside found him in an unconscious condition. He never rallied. Mr. Smith was a native of Baltimore and a son of the late Job Smith, who took a prominent part in the War of 1812.

Moore-Kerns.

Harry Cordell Moore, of Brunswick, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio running between Brunswick and Washington, was married in Baltimore yesterday to Carrie Gertrude Kerns, of Weverton, Washington county.

Suit for Damages.

The trial of the case of Adolphus Ramsburg against the Frederick and Middletown Railway Company is on trial at Westminster. Ramsburg was a motor-man running cars between Middletown and Myersville, August 20, 1901, when a car, which had escaped from a siding, ran into those under his charge, and he was, he alleges, seriously injured. He sues for \$10,000 damages.

WESTERN MARYLAND.

Sold at Public Auction.

J. C. Clugston yesterday sold at public sale a forty-four-acre farm on the Cave-town turnpike, east of Hagerstown, to S. O. Spessard, of Chewsville, for \$6,700, and a duck farm of thirty-five acres, adjoining to Charles L. Poole, for \$3,000.

Frederick Grand Jury.

The grand jury for the February term of the circuit court completed its work yesterday. One hundred and sixty-two witnesses were examined and 58 cases investigated, out of which number 35 indictments were found and 23 cases were dismissed.

Colored Man's Estate.

John N. Hands, of Elkridge, has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Conway, an old colored man, who died a few days ago in Anne Arundel county. It is supposed that Conway left property worth altogether \$10,000 or \$15,000.

Hagerstown Weddings.

Mary Hockersmith, daughter of Mr. W. C. Hockersmith, and George Alexander, son of Deputy Sheriff Charles W. Alexander, all of Hagerstown, were married yesterday at St. Mary's Catholic parsonage by Rev. S. Rabba.

Gertrude Huffer, daughter of John Huffer, of Lappons, Washington county, and A. S. Travers, of Pinesburg, were married in Hagerstown by Rev. T. A. Johnson.

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VIRGINIA NOTES.

NORFOLK.

Tindall Sent Back.

Noah J. Tindall, twenty-five years old, of Millsboro, Del., was arrested at Norfolk yesterday on a charge of bigamy. Last December it is alleged Tindall left Millsboro, where he had a wife and children, and went to Box Iron, Md., where he married seventeen-year-old Minnie Mumford. Tindall waived requisition papers, and left for Maryland last night in custody.

Land Company Chartered.

Judge Hancok yesterday chartered the Chesapeake Land and Improvement Company; capital, \$200,000. Local capitalists are the incorporators.

R. H. Grace Found Dead.

Robert H. Grace, a well-known traveling salesman, fifty-six years old, was found dead in an alleyway in the rear of a saloon in Norfolk yesterday morning. His death is said to have been due to alcoholism. He leaves a daughter.

RICHMOND.

Funeral of William R. Trigg.

The funeral of William R. Trigg will take place from Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, this afternoon. He will be buried in Hollywood. All work was suspended at the Triggs shipyard yesterday. Officers, directors and employees all adopted resolutions of respect to his memory.

Slot Machine Gambling.

Further consideration was given by the house at Richmond yesterday to the general revenue bill. The operation of slot machines which are run as a game of chance was prohibited.

Mr. Cardwell succeeded in having the stringent tax provisions which required slot clubs to take out barroom license modified to require that sales be made only to members.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

New Hotel for Petersburg.

Joseph W. Seward, of Petersburg, has definitely decided to erect on the vacant lot on the corner of Sycamore and East Tabb Streets a hotel building, which has been leased for a period of ten years by E. P. Goodwin and Frank K. Clements. It is expected to be completed by December next.

Appomattox Needs Dredging.

The condition of the Appomattox River is serious, and unless some necessary dredging is soon done and the sand bars in the channel are removed the river will be practically unnavigable.

Mrs. Mary E. Darr Dead.

Mrs. Mary E. Darr died suddenly at her home, near Leesburg, at 3 o'clock last Monday morning, from heart failure, aged sixty years.

Postmaster Dies Suddenly.

Westwood Fletch, merchant and postmaster at Buckland, Prince William county, died suddenly yesterday morning shortly after opening his place of business. His death was caused by heart trouble.

Charged With Murder.

The special grand jury of the Warren county court yesterday brought an indictment for felony against Winfield Cameron, who, it is alleged, shot and killed Cleveland Craig at Brownstown last Saturday while Craig was attempting to prevent Cameron from shooting Ross Beckwith, a negro blacksmith, for refusing to drink with him.

Sues for Dower.

Mrs. Annie Hamilton, widow of William S. Hamilton, the Bristol lawyer, has brought suit to establish her alleged right to a widow's dower in some property which includes the A. Fulkerson homestead and the building of the Bristol Home Company, worth some \$30,000.

Death of Frank Carter.

Frank Carter, a gallant Confederate soldier, died late Saturday evening at his home, near Middleburg, after an operation was performed on him Friday night by Dr. Miller, of Johns Hopkins University.

Girls Risked Their Lives.

Smallpox broke out in the family of Mr. Decker, a Northerner, who has only recently located near Welford's Wharf, Richmond county. Dr. Fisher took charge of the cases, but after Mr. Decker died he had great difficulty in getting some one to nurse the patients. Dr. Fisher's daughters volunteered. The patients recovered, except a child of Mrs. Decker. When the child died no one could be found who would bury it. Dr. Fisher undertook the task, and his daughters assisted him.

Higher Prices for Tomatoes.

The tomato canners of Onancock have given in to the farmers, as they announce they will pay them \$7.50 a ton for their tomatoes, an increase of 50 cents a ton over last year.

Beat His Mother-in-Law.

Berkely Stocks, thirty years of age, was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$50 yesterday for assaulting his aged mother-in-law and setting fire to the house. Stocks went home drunk. It is alleged, beat the old lady severely, assaulted her son with a poker, kicked over the stove, and threw a lighted lamp on the floor. One room was wrecked by the fire which followed.

SOME WAYS TO GET THE FAMILY'S FUEL

Youngsters Pick Up Coal Here and There in Yards.

Despite the fact that the coal strike has long since ended and that the price of that commodity has dropped down to its normal level, almost every day there are several persons in the Police Court dock charged with purloining coal from the different yards, and cannot give any very good reason for it. The evil has become so prevalent that the coal dealers of this city who have their fuel dumped from cars into their yards on the outskirts of the city, or in the southwestern section, have a number of watchmen, armed with clubs and pistols, to guard the "black diamonds."

The offense is not only committed by negroes, but a large percentage of the offenders are of the lighter hue. Men, women, and children, of both colors, are brought into court charged with the larceny of one or two pecks of coal, valued at a few cents per peck.

They invariably plead "not guilty," for the simple reason that they can see no offense in picking up small bits of coal which fall off the wagons and carts which are loaded near the railroad, sometimes from a car and sometimes from a pile.

One Monday one of the special watchmen detailed to keep an eye on the coal belonging to a dealer having a yard in the southwest, brought a ragged, dirty-faced little urchin, of about seven years, into the juvenile court and charged him with the larceny of two pecks of coal, having a total value of 14 cents. The little fellow had been caught in the act of rolling large lumps of bituminous coal from a car. After getting them off he would roll them into a clump of dead weeds where he hid them. His tipped nose, fat cheeks, and chubby hands were filled with coal dust, and he looked more like a miner than anything else. The tears which had begun to flow copiously down his cheeks, had made little white streaks in the thick coat of coal sediment on his face, but despite all this, when the clerk of the court asked him if he was guilty or not guilty, he mustered up courage and said in a determined voice: "Naw, I didn't steal no coal."

CIVILIZATION IN ABYSSINIA.